

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tadahiro HIRAMOTO *et al.*

U.S. Application No.: 10/558,388

Confirmation No.: 5709

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Group Art Unit: 1794

For: **FRESH LEAF POWDER AND PROCESSED
PRODUCT, EXTRACT, OIL AND AROMA
OBTAINABLE FROM FRESH TEA LEAF
POWDER**

Examiner: H. T. MEHTA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request consideration of the following remarks and allowance of the pending claims as amended.

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